Eric F. Saltzman

November 5, 2009

Honorable Burton R. Lifland, United States Bankruptcy Judge Southern District of New York One Bowling Green New York, NY 10004-1408

Re: Bankruptcy Casc No. 08-1789 (BRL)

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In Liquidation

DECEMBER 11, 2008¹

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM

October 26, 2009

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Dear Black River Associates LP:

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

The liquidation of the business of BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC ("BLMIS") is being conducted by Irving H. Picard, Trustee under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa et seq. ("SIPA"), pursuant to an order entered on December 15, 2008 by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Trustee has made the following determination regarding your claim on BLMIS Account No. 1CM795dcsignated as Claim Number 006048:

Your claim for securities is DENIED. No securities were ever purchased for your account.

Your claim is ALLOWED for \$8,966,598.45, which was the balance in your BLMIS Account on the Filing Date based on the amount of money you deposited with BLMIS for the purchase of securities, less subsequent withdrawals, as outlined in Table 1.

^{&#}x27;Section 78/11(7)(B) of SIPA states that the filing date is "the date on which an application for a protective decree is filed under 78ece(a)(3)," except where the debtor is the subject of a proceeding pending before a United States court "in which a receiver, trustee, or liquidator for such debtor has been appointed and such proceeding was commenced before the date on which such application was filed, the term 'filing date' means the date on which such proceeding was commenced." Section 78/11(7)(B). Thus, even though the Application for a protective decree was filed on December 15, 2008, the Filing Date in this action is on December 11, 2008.

Your ALLOWED CLAIM of \$8,966,598.45 will be satisfied in the following manner:

The enclosed PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE must be executed, notarized and returned in the envelope provided herewith. Upon receipt of the executed and notarized PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE, the Trustee will make a partial satisfaction of your ALLOWED CLAIM by sending you a check in the amount of \$500,000.00, with the funds being advanced by Securities Investor Protection Corporation pursuant to section 78fff-3(a)(1) of SIPA. In addition, you will be entitled to receive an additional distribution based upon your ALLOWED CLAIM from the fund of customer property, if any.

It is the Trustee's intent, pursuant to SIPA, to submit a Motion for an order of the Bankruptcy Court to allocate assets he has collected and will collect between the fund of customer property and the general estate and to distribute customer property <u>pro rata</u> among allowed claimants, such as you. In a decision in this case, <u>Rosenman Family</u>, <u>LLC v. Picard</u>, 401 B.R. 629, 634 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009), the Bankruptcy Court stated:

The customer estate is a fund consisting of customer property and is limited exclusively to satisfying customer claims. In re Adler Coleman Clearing Corp. (Adler Coleman II), 216 B.R. 719, 722 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1998) ("A SIPA trustee, distributes 'customer property' exclusively among the debtor's customers..."); see also 15 U.S.C. § 78111(4). Accordingly, Customers, as defined by SIPA § 78111(2), enjoy a preferred status and are afforded special protections under SIPA. See New Times Securities, 463 F.3d at 127; Adler Coleman, 195 B.R. at 269."

Id. at 634.

It is not known at this time when the Trustee will be filing such allocation and distribution motion.

Should a final and unappealable court order determine that the Trustee is incorrect in his interpretation of "net equity" and its corresponding application to the determination of customer claims, the Trustee will be bound by that order and will apply it retroactively to all previously determined customer claims in accordance with the Court's order. Nothing in this Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim shall be construed as a waiver of any rights or claims held by you in having your customer claim re-determined in accordance with any such Court order.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: If you disagree with this determination and desire a hearing before Bankruptcy Judge Burton R. Lifland, you <u>MUST</u> file your written opposition, setting forth the grounds for your disagreement, referencing Bankruptcy Case No. 08-1789 (BRL) and attaching copies of any documents in support of your position, with the United States Bankruptcy Court and the Trustee within THIRTY DAYS after October 26, 2009, the date on which the Trustee mailed this notice.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: If you do not properly and timely file a written opposition, the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim will be deemed confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: If you properly and timely file a written opposition, a hearing date for this controversy will be obtained by the Trustee and you will be notified of that hearing date. Your failure to appear personally or through counsel at such hearing will result in the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim being confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: You must mail your opposition, if any, in accordance with the above procedure, to each of the following addresses:

Clerk of the United States Bankruptey Court for the Southern District of New York One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004

and

Irving H. Picard, Trustee c/o Baker & Hostetler LLP 45 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10111

> Trustee for the Liquidation of the Business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC

cc: David Belkin
420 Lexington Ave, Suite 501
New York, NY 10170

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

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BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789-BRL SIPA Liquidation

PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Black River Associates LP, located at 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 7404, New York, NY 10118 (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") in consideration of the payment of \$500,000.00 to satisfy in part its claim for customer protection (the "Customer Claim", having been designated Claim #006048) filed in the liquidation proceeding of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §78aaa et seq. ("SIPA") (see §§78fff-2(b), 78fff-2(d), and §78fff-3(a)(1) of SIPA), does for itself hereby assign, transfer and set over to Irving H. Picard as SIPA Trustee (the "SIPA Trustee") for the liquidation of BLMIS (see §78fff-2(b) of SIPA), and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"), as subrogee to the extent of its cash advances to the SIPA Trustee for the satisfaction of the aforementioned Customer Claim (see §78fff-3(a)(1) of SIPA), any and all rights, including causes of action or claims, that Assignor now may have against BLMIS and/or any third party arising out of or relating to any fraudulent or illegal activity with respect to Assignor's BLMIS account (Account No. 1CM795, the "BLMIS Account"), which gave rise to the allowed Customer Claim for securities filed by

Assignor against BLMIS. Such assignment is only to the extent that Assignor has received satisfaction of the Customer Claim as set forth above.

Further, Assignor has not previously compromised or assigned any claim, cause of action or other right against BLMIS, its principals or agents or any third party arising out of or related to any fraudulent or illegal activity giving rise to the Customer Claim.

Upon reasonable request of the SIPA Trustee or SIPC, Assignor agrees to cooperate with the SIPA Trustee or SIPC in connection with any efforts of either to recover from the principals or agents of BLMIS or anyone else for amounts advanced by SIPC or paid by the SIPA Trustee to satisfy in part Assignor's Customer Claim in this SIPA liquidation proceeding. Such efforts to recover by the SIPA Trustee or SIPC, either to demand or pursue or to prosecute or settle any collection effort, action or proceeding therefore, shall be at the sole cost of the SIPA Trustee or SIPC.

Effective immediately and without further action, contingent only upon Assignor's receipt from the SIPA Trustee or his agent of a check in the amount of \$500,000.00 as set forth in the SIPA Trustee's Notice of Determination of the Customer Claim dated October 26, 2009, (the "Trustee's Determination"), and upon receipt by the SIPA Trustee of this executed and notarized Partial Assignment and Release, the Assignor does for itself, and for its executors, administrators, heirs and assigns hereby remise, release and forever discharge the SIPA Trustee and SIPC, as subrogee to the extent of its cash advances for the satisfaction of the Customer Claim, and, as the case may be, their officers, directors, professionals, employees, agents, successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims arising out of or relating to the Assignor's BLMIS Account, the Customer Claim filed with the SIPA Trustee as protected by the provisions of SIPA, and any and all circumstances giving rise to said Customer Claim which the Assignor

now has, or hereafter may have, for or by any reason, cause, matter or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the date of the execution of this Partial Assignment and Release, only to the extent that the SIPA Trustee and/or SIPC has paid monies to the Assignor to satisfy Assignor's Customer Claim.

Should a final and unappealable Court order determine that the Trustee is incorrect in his interpretation of "net equity" and its corresponding application to the determination of customer claims, the Trustee will be bound by that order and will apply it retroactively to all previously determined customer claims in accordance with the Court's order. Nothing in this Partial Assignment and Release shall be construed as a waiver of any rights or claims held by Assignor in having its customer claim re-determined in accordance with any such Court order. The payment of the undisputed amount of the Assignor's Customer Claim (up to the limits of SIPA protection) will be without prejudice to the Trustee's and the Assignor's rights, claims, and defenses with respect to the disputed portion(s) of the Assignor's Customer Claim.

Assignor acknowledges the sufficiency of the consideration to be received in accordance with the SIPA Trustee's Determination and under this Partial Assignment and Release.

The undersigned acknowledges that he is authorized to execute this Partial Assignment and Release on behalf of Black River Associates LP.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has on this day set forth below duly executed this Partial Assignment of Assignor's Customer Claim and Release, intending to be legally bound hereby.

Sworn and subscribed before me this Bt day of November, 2009.

Maria Montgomery
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